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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CGEN
SUBJ: US V. SIMMONS

1. REFERENCE YOUR LETTER 8/23/76; YOUR LETTER 4/7/76.
2. HAVE LOCATED A CURRENT ADDRESS FOR SAKAI IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL BANK ACCOUNT IN HIS NAME. WE ARE WITHHOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH SAKAI UNTIL WE CAN DETERMINE THE SIZE AND NATURE OF THE ACCOUNT. FYI, SAKAI IS NOW RESIDING 110 BLUE POOL ROAD, AMBER GARDENS, FLAT 2D, HONG KONG.
3. MARININ APPEARED AMCONGEN, HONG KONG, AND INFORMED HIS ACCOUNTS AT CITIBANK, HONG KONG, STILL FROZEN. YOUR LETTER 4/7/76 TO GEORGE, PARAGRAPH SIX, DIRECTED JSM TO STRIKE MARINI FROM THE CIVIL ACTION AND DISMISS INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HIM, NOTING THAT "NONE OF THE MONIES IN HIS FROZEN ACCOUNT "ARE TRACEABLE TO U.S. FUNDS."
4. MARINI HAS TWO ACCOUNTS AT CITIBANK, ONE IN HIS OWN NAME WITH A BALANCE OF HK\$42,621.06, AND ONE IN THE NAME PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTANTS CO. (PMCC) WITH A BALANCE OF HK\$55,812.56.

5. I AM SURE YOUR LETTER REFERS TO PERSONAL ACCOUNT.
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DOES IT ALSO REFER TO PMCC ACCOUNT?

6. STATUS OF REMISSION OF STAMP DUTY ON ASSIGNMENTS OF ASSETS: HONG KONG GOVERNMENT STAMP OFFICE REQUESTED PHOTOSTATS 8/12/76, JSM SENT HALF OF THEM 9/11/76, AND I HAVE CALLED TO THEIR ATTENTION THE OTHER HALF TODAY. WILL KEEP YOU APPRISED.

7. MARINI HAS BEEN IN NEGOTIATION WITH CALTEX, NEW YORK, HEAD OFFICE FOR AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO DEAL WITH HIM UNTIL THIS MATTER WAS CLEARED UP. MARINI WROTE TO MAYFIELD ASKING HIM FOR A LETTER TO CALTEX EXPLAINING HIS POSITION IN THE CASE TO FACILITATE HIS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH CALTEX. MAYFIELD REPLIED TO MARINI THAT THE CASE WAS NOW IN DOJ HANDS. THIS CORRESPONDENCE WAS END OF 1975, EARLY 1976. COULD YOU WRITE SUCH A "CLEARANCE" FOR MARINI TO MR. D.F. HEPBURN, MANAGER, MARKETING OPERATIONS, CALTEX PETROLEUM CORPORATION, 380 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017, WITH CC TO MR. ED LAVERY, SUITE 403-405, 1000 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036? SPECIFICALLY, CALTEX REQUESTS A STATEMENT AS TO MARINI'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE SIMMONS AFFAIR, AND AN OPINION THAT HE WAS NOT CRIMINALLY INVOLVED. CALTEX STATES WITH THAT ASSURANCE THEY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO UTILIZING MARINI'S SERVICES IN ASIA AND AFRICA. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE INVESTIGATION WARRANTS SUCH AN ASSURANCE; I AM LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT MARINI HAD TO KNOW SOMETHING WAS GOING ON OR WAS INCREDIBLY STUPID, BUT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO WRITE SOMETHING TO CALTEX, NOTING THAT, AS YOU STATED IN YOUR 4/7/76 LETTER, MARINI DID NOT PROFIT FROM THE SCHEME AND TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE DOES NOT HAVE POSSESSION OF EMBEZZLED MONIES. BUT, AGAIN, THAT'S YOUR RAILROAD TO RUN.
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